# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK
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# THE GEORGIA POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE DIVISION PARTNERSHIP YELLOW RIBBON LEVEL

National Environmental Performance Track and the Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division Partnership (P²AD Partnership) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Georgia's P²AD Partnership is a statewide Department of Natural Resources program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Yellow Ribbon Partner Level of the P²AD Partnership (P²AD Partnership has four different levels: White, Yellow, Red, Blue). The comparison was completed using the Large Business and Government Institution Criteria of the P²AD program For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

**Common Program Criteria:**

- *EMS Components*: Common elements include an EMS with a written policy.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and Annual Performance Report are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

**Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Divisions Partnership - Yellow Ribbon Level - Additional Criteria**:

- *EMS Components:* Facility must have developed cross-department environmental team and posted baseline environmental information at a central place in the facility.
- *Annual Report:* Facility must report on: baseline data for all environmental indicators (not just the commitment indicators); procedures for achieving and maintaining compliance and implementing changes to legal requirements and voluntary commitments; and the implementation of the facility's environmental awareness training program.

**Performance Track - Additional Criteria**:

- *EMS Components and Audits:* At the time of application, facility must have established: planned targets and goals; aspects analysis; clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; documented management review; and EMS assessments and compliance audits. (P²AD requires facilities to implement planned targets and goals and conduct an aspects analysis, but over three years).
- *EMS-Audit/Self-Assessment:* Members are expected to conduct regular EMS assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle*: Facility should have one full cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements in two indicators (1 indicator for small facilities).
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future environmental performance improvements in four indicators from at least two unique categories (2 indicators for small facilities). Facilities must make commitments to standard indicators using a standard reporting format, and must normalize future environmental performance.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency)
- *Annual Report:* Facility must submit an annual report on environmental progress and make it available to the public. Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Site Visits*: Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

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